

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

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L. Neil Johnson  
Superintendent

May 10, 1996

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 814  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am superintendent of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools, and I urge the Federal-State Joint Board and the FCC to adopt rules that fully and aggressively implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries. I also support the comments filed by the National School Boards Association, et al. Please include this letter in the formal record.

Specifically, I urge the FCC to include for deep discounts a range of telecommunications services that will give my district more affordable access to the Internet as well as to interactive, voice, data and video capability necessary for distance learning. It is also important that these services be provided directly to the classroom, where the learning actually takes place. Finally, I urge the Commission to address the affordability needs of both the capital expenses of services and the ongoing costs.

In the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District, we are in the process of wiring all of our buildings for video/voice/data, and we will be networking all of our schools. Further, I am chairman of the North Ohio Technology Association, which is networking fourteen school districts and three colleges and universities. We need affordable access to one another and the internet.

I understand that technology in the classroom is critical to ensuring that our children can succeed in a high-tech world marketplace. I urge the Commission to adopt rules that will help bring the broadest range of educational technology to our school children.

Sincerely,

  
L. Neil Johnson  
Superintendent

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May 7, 1996

Reed Hundt, FCC Chr. & Jt. Bd. Chr.  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the president of the Washington State School Directors' Association, representing all 1482 locally-elected school board members in my state's 296 school districts. My purpose in writing is to urge the Federal-State Joint Board and the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules that fully and aggressively implement the universal services provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act for schools and libraries. I also support the comments filed by the National School Boards Association, et. al. Please include this letter in the formal record.

Specifically, I urge the FCC to include for deep discounts a range of telecommunications services that will give my state's districts more affordable access to the Internet as well as to interactive, voice, data and video capability necessary for distance learning. It is also important that these services be provided directly to the classroom where the learning actually takes place. Finally, I urge the Commission to address the affordability needs of both the capital expenses of services and the ongoing costs.

In Washington state, as is surely true in other states, the growth of technology is occurring at an alarming pace. The good jobs of today, not to mention tomorrow, demand technical skills unimagined just a few years ago. As school policymakers we simply must prepare young people for their tomorrows, not for our yesterdays. Our State Legislature has begun the process of connecting our schools, colleges, universities and libraries throughout the state to a common network. Students will be able to learn from a university while sitting in a high school classroom hundreds of miles away. But this process will take time and money. The decisions you will be making in 1996 will affect hundreds of thousands of learners in my state alone.

The actions by Congress also demonstrate a wonderfully strong commitment to assist our local efforts. If telecommunications rates are to be discounted for anyone, it must be for public information institutions such as schools and libraries.

Thank you for your willingness to address this important task. I urge the Commission to adopt rules that will help bring the broadest range of educational technology to our young people.

Sincerely,

Barb Roder  
President

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May 15, 1996

Reed Hundt, FCC Chairmain and Joint Board Chairman  
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Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to you as a local school board member from Horry County Schools, Conway, South Carolina to urge the Federal-State Joint Board and the FCC to adopt rules that fully implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries. I would also like to reinforce the comments filed by the National School Boards Association.

Horry County Schools, the fifth largest school district in South Carolina, is located on the coast of South Carolina and encompasses an area equivalent to the state of Rhode Island. The Horry County Schools is the leader in the effective application of technology for the transformation of learning and teaching. We recognize the urgency to provide students with access to world wide information sources and to develop authentic learning opportunities. Every classroom in the district has been connected to a wide area network and to the Internet through our local telephone service providers. This commitment requires a substantial reoccurring cost to continue. Affordable access to information is critical for all children and particularly important to children in rural areas of our district.

It is extremely important that the Commission adopt regulations that will permit us to continue to provide a broad range of technology for the greatest benefit to our children. These services should include voice, data and video capability for access to remote resources and provide for distance learning opportunities. Schools need assistance with both the reoccurring connect charges as well as the initial capital expenditures. We urge the FCC to provide for deep discounts for a complete range of telecommunications services and products and encourage local service providers to develop cooperative partnerships with local educators.

Please include this letter in the formal record.

Sincerely,

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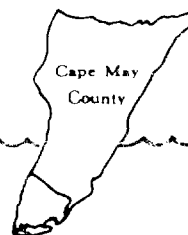
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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Reed Hundt,

Lower Township Board of Education is a rural district in Cape May County, New Jersey. Our needs include access to electronic information provided on the Internet and interactive teleconferencing. However, the individual schools in our district need to be wired first.

The schools in the county are trying to get telephone connection rates that would encourage electronic connection. Special flat rates which allow heavy usage would help. Access for students at home to school or to the Internet need to be addressed.

Schools like the Christopher Columbus school in Union City, can demonstrate the value of electronic connection. Our district and the other Cape May county schools need this kind of connectivity.

The discounts for schools should help districts like Lower Township.

This is only a short note to ask for your assistance. If you need additional information, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Foster".

Michael D. Foster  
Business Administrator / Board Secretary

c: Joseph Cirrinicione, Superintendent

cc: Joseph Cirrinicione  
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